GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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ELECTRIFICATION OF RAILWAY LINES IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to complete electrification of railway lines of Kerala during the current financial year;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and if so, the amount allotted for such electrification;

(c) whether the doubling up work of Ernakulam-Trivandrum railway line is delayed due to insufficient fund allocation;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the target date for completing the same;

(e) whether old and outdated passenger coaches and goods train bogies are being used in Trivandrum and Ernakulam Divisions; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) No, Sir. However, electrification work of Ernakulam-Trivandrum rail line (via Alleppy and Kottayam) is in progress and targeted for completion by Dec.2005.

(b) For current financial year i.e. 2004-05, Rs.37.92 crore have been allotted to this project.

(c) & (d) On Ernakulam-Trivandrum section, two Broad Gauge (B.G.) lines already exist. However, patch doublings on Ernakulam-Kayankulam via Alleppy and via Kottayam has been taken up in phases. The works are being progressed as per the availability of resources. No target date of completion has yet been fixed.

(e) No, Sir. Only such coaches and wagons which are within their service life and in good condition, are used on Indian Railway Broad Gauge System including Trivendrum and Ernakulam Sections.

(f) Does not arise.